

REMARKS

The indicated allowance of claims 14-16 is appreciated.

In response to the above Office Action, claim 13 has been cancelled and replaced by new claim 19 dependent on claim 15. Claim 20 is similar, but dependent on claim 16. Support for claim 20 can be found on page 7, line 36 to page 8, line 2 of the specification.

In addition, claim 17 has been cancelled and replaced by new claim 21 dependent on claim 19 and a similar claim 22 dependent on claim 20. Finally, claim 18 has been cancelled and replaced by new claim 23 dependent on claim 21 or 22.

It is not believed necessary in claims 21-23 to include details of the polymerization because, as noted on page 13, lines 13-14, the "polymerization process in this case may be a publicly known process."

It is believed new claims 19-23 avoid the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Moreover, since all of new claims 19-23 are dependent indirectly on claim 14, which has been allowed, it is believed these claims should not be considered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gallagher. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under both §112 and §103 is requested.

Claim 14 has been amended for clarity and claim 15 to correct a typographical error. Support for the amendment to claim 14 can be found on page 10, lines 21-24 of the specification.

It is believed claims 14-16 and 19-23 are in condition for allowance and such action is therefore requested.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Reply and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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